

Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Virtual 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Minutes

Commissioners in Attendance

Carolyn Black-Sotir, Isaac Manjoe, Gabriel Purviance, Michelle McCallum, David Hess, David Ninos, Emily Gaines-Demsky, Adrienne Latanishen, Nancy Abrams, Nicole Fall, Raj Koirala, Brenda Johnson

For Baltimore County: Helene Luce, Daniel Singh

Maryland State Arts Council: Ken Skresz

1. Carolyn Black-Sotir, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM
2. Approval of September minutes: Isaac motioned, Nancy seconded, approved unanimously.
3. Election of officers -Two year term: Gabe moved to accept the slate of officers, David Hess seconded, approved unanimously.

Chair- Carolyn Black-Sotir

Vice-Chair -Isaac Manjoe

Secretary – Brenda Johnson

4. Committee Assignments:

Visual Arts -Michelle McCallum, chair; David Hess, Brenda Johnson, Emily Gaines-Demsky

Music – David Ninos, Chair; Gabe Purviance, Nicole Fall

Science and Humanities – Nancy Abrams, Chair; Isaac Manjoe, Raj Koirala

Dance and Theater – Adrienne Latanishen, Chair; Toni Griffin, Carla Crisp

5. Operating Grants for FY22 are due October 28, 2020

In lieu of November meeting, a workshop on accessing files for new members and others interested will be held.

6. Update on the Strategic Plan – Daniel Singh

An overview of topics to be included in the strategic plan which is designed to serve the needs of the county.

- Look at benchmarks of other counties
- Partner together with counties

- Include new arts and entertainment districts (Dundalk, Pikesville, Towson)
- Building a database
- Advocacy – such as Arts Day in Annapolis
- Sponsoring or organizing events
- Increase grantees, 5-10%
- Organizational caps
- Communication -rebranding

Commissioners who would like to work on the strategic plan, contact Daniel.

7. Guest: Ken Skresz, Executive Director, Maryland State Arts Council

Topic: Our Three –Year Long Application for MSAC

Commissioner's roles in the strategic plan

Ken gave an overview of the county arts development on year meetings. The strategic plan is about structure which should include:

- Equity and Justice statement
- Vision and Mission statement
- Goals
- Commitment to network

The county arts grantmaking process and progress was detailed. The grant pool has been expanded. FY 2020 10% additional increase in applicants; FY 2021 20% additional increase in applicants. The power point presentation will be available for all commissioners.

Commissioners to assist with leading/ facilitating community conversations.

Arts in Education: should be focusing on post K-12 activities so there is continuing arts education for all ages.

8. Discussion about Historic Hampton Project grant.

Approval of grant funding: Isaac motioned, David seconded, unanimous approval.

9. Emergency County Grant of \$25,000.00

Three organizations will receive grant which they will donate sub-grants.

10. Adjourn. Committees will meet in November and December. Next full meeting January 12, 2021: Operating Grant Discussion

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Johnson
Secretary